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entrance is through a door of more n ordinarily large size, and, by means of apstone steps, in which are graven the inals of the children of the residents for more on a hundred years back, and underneath a carved. The doorway enters upon a hall forty by twenty feet, which divides the house into any doors, with arched and keystoned tops and columned sides. All the ceilings are thirteen feet high. The rooms are large, but an otherwise barnlike appearance is broken by the numerous doors throughout the house. y the numerous doors throughout the house.

t seems as though the owners had set them ever there was an available wall space. The greater part of these doors open into closets, so large and so roomy as to be ample to hold a bedroom suite and still leave space anyone attempts to break into her house,

OLD TIME ARCHITECTURE.

two others, one at each end of the housesemi-concealed, dark, uncanny, winding affairs, set in the partition walls, and leading
from the cellar to the garrets, and communicating with all the rooms in the house. One
of the garrets is nearly 100 feet long and 20
feet wide, and was fitted up in 1854 as a lodge
room for the Free Masons, who in that year
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room for the Free Masons, who in that year spit from the Germantown lodge, but was never occupied by them, on account of the death of the owner of the house, who was one of the secoders.

Instead of rafters, the roof is supported by heavy oak beams, on which are laid three-linch planks. Hidden away in the garretr are relics collected from time to time by for the medicine of the house of the poisoned, taken from an Indian warrior supposed to have been one of a band attached to the British army; two bows that belonged also to an Indian brave of the past; a ghastly collection of human bones in a box—bones that once of human bones in a box—bone human bones in a box—bone had three b formed the skeleton of a half grown boy; also an immense palm leaf fan, used by servants more than 125 years ago to keep the flies from the dining table of Samuel Morris, one

of the owners of the place. There are conflicting stories as to who rected the mansion. As a result, its exact age is unknown, but it is agreed that it was built not later than 1735. It is stated on the 1721 by Henry Hope, the first owner of the property, after whom the place was named "Hope Lodge Farm" three-quarters of a cen-tury later, and who received a grant of 500 cres of land from William Penn.

On the other hand, it is claimed by the de ndants of Samuel Morris, the second owner, and who was also the possessor of a large mill on the Wissahickon, near by, that was the builder, and this claim seems to se the better founded one. Those who clair elor, and that the bricks with which the from of the house was built came from England, being brought over as ballast of a ship. wood work of the interior is also said by cometent carpenters to have been imported. It s also related that when the house was fined he gave a grand house warming and a ception to meet his intended bride and her other, invitations having been issued to ll the leading families for miles around During the reception, however, it is said be drank too much wine and made use of an offensive remark to his betrothed, which a angered her that she canceled the engage-ment. This, it is related, so preyed on Hope's mind that shortly after he sold the property

Samuel Morris was the eldest son of Su samuel Morris, the eldest daughter of Robert and Susanna Heath, who came to Philadel-phia with William Penn in 1701. Susanna Morris was a noted minister of the Society of riends, who made three journeys to Engand to preach, during one of which, in 1781, she was shipwrecked, notwithstanding that she was warned beforehand, it is related, by three successive dreams of the coming catas-Samuel Morris, like most of the strong Royalist, even going so far, it is said, as to drive his cattle to Philadelphia for the use of the British soldiery after the battle of Jermantown, rather than let the American have them. With him on the farm resided a ieco, Annie Evans, who fell in love with and sarried Col. Alexander Anderson, a young merican soldier of the revolution, in spit the violent opposition of her uncle. On the death of Samuel Morris the property came into the possession of Joshua Morris, a brother of Samuel Morris, and by him it was sold to William West. He died in

1782 April 17, 1784, the executors granted the premises to John Wilcox and Joshua Em-ien, to the use of James Horatic Watmough for life. He was a general in the revolution ary army, and was a grandfather of the wife of Gen. Russell B. Thayer. After residing on the property for some years he rented it to the well known Steel family, of Germantown, who lived there nine years, and he took up his residence on Price street, Ger nantown, where he died, Jan. 26, 1812. hiladelphia Ledger.

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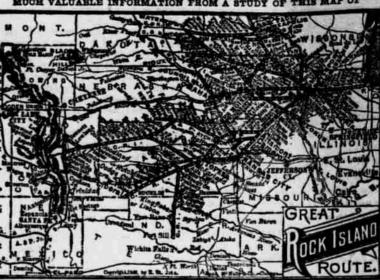
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